

any other geographic areas in which the Commission elects to conduct accrediting activities within the United States including distance and correspondence education programs offered at those institutions.

6. New England Commission of Higher Education. Scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidacy status") of institutions of higher education in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont that award bachelor's master's and/or doctoral degrees and associate degree-granting institutions in those states that include degrees in liberal arts or general studies among their offerings, including the accreditation of programs offered via distance education within these institutions. Jointly with the Commission, this recognition extends to its Executive Committee and also to the Appeals Body for decisions related to the appeal of denial or withdrawal of candidacy; probation; and denial or withdrawal of accreditation.

7. Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Senior College and University Commission. Scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of institutions of higher education in the United States that offer the baccalaureate degree or above, including distance education programs offered at those institutions.

#### Compliance Reports:

1. New York State Board of Regents, State Education Department, Office of the Professions (Nursing Education). The compliance report relates to findings of noncompliance with the Department's criteria for recognition of state agencies for approval of nurse education, set forth in a **Federal Register** notice published on January 16, 1969. 34 FR 587, 644–645 (January 16, 1969). The senior Department official's (SDO) decision letter, dated October 28, 2020, is available under NACIQI meeting date 07/29/2020 at <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/erecognition/PublicDocuments>.

2. Maryland Board of Nursing. The compliance report relates to findings of noncompliance with the Department's criteria for recognition of state agencies for approval of nurse education, set forth in a **Federal Register** notice published on January 16, 1969. 34 FR 587, 644–645 (January 16, 1969). The Acting Secretary's Order, dated January 19, 2021, is available under NACIQI meeting date 02/27/2020 at <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/erecognition/PublicDocuments>.

*Submission of Written Comments Regarding a Specific Accrediting*

*Agency Under Review:* Written comments about the recognition of any of the accrediting agencies listed above must be received by January 20, 2022, in the [ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov](mailto:ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov) mailbox. Please include in the subject line "Written Comments: (agency name)." The electronic mail (email) must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the comment. Comments should be submitted as a Microsoft Word document or in a medium compatible with Microsoft Word (not a PDF file) that is attached to an email or provided in the body of an email message.

Comments about an agency that has submitted a compliance report scheduled for review by the Department must relate to the criteria for recognition cited in the senior Department official's letter that requested the report, or in the Secretary's appeal decision, if any. Comments about an agency that has submitted a petition for initial recognition, renewal of recognition, or an expansion of scope must relate to the agency's compliance with the Criteria for Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, which are available at <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-34/subtitle-B/chapter-VI/part-602?toc=1>.

Only written materials submitted by the deadline to the email address listed in this notice, and in accordance with these instructions, become part of the official record concerning agencies scheduled for review and are considered by the Department and NACIQI in their deliberations.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2021-SCC-0167]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; 2020/22 Beginning Postsecondary Students (BPS:20/22) Field Test

**AGENCY:** Institute of Education Sciences (IES), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing a revision of a currently approved collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 14, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this information collection request by selecting "Department of Education" under "Currently Under Review," then check "Only Show ICR for Public Comment" checkbox. Comments may also be sent to [ICDocketmgr@ed.gov](mailto:ICDocketmgr@ed.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Carrie Clarady, (202) 245-6347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection

necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* 2020/22 Beginning Postsecondary Students (BPS:20/22) Field Test.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850-0631.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individual or Households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 25,610.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 12,544.

*Abstract:* The 2020/22 Beginning Postsecondary Students Full-Scale (BPS:20/22) is conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics, part of the Institute of Education Sciences, within the Department of Education, and is part of the Beginning Postsecondary Students Longitudinal Study data collection program at <https://nces.ed.gov/surveys/bps/>. The BPS:20/22 Full-scale Data Collection will begin 03/01/22 and end 11/11/22. BPS is designed to follow a cohort of students who enroll in postsecondary education for the first time during the same academic year, irrespective of the date of high school completion. The study collects data on students' persistence in and completion of postsecondary education programs; their transition to employment; demographic characteristics; and changes over time in their goals, marital status, income, and debt, among other indicators. Data from BPS are used to help researchers and policymakers better understand how financial aid influences persistence and completion, what percentages of students complete various degree

programs, what are the early employment and wage outcomes for certificate and degree attainers, and why students leave school. BPS:20/22 will be a nationally-representative sample of approximately 37,000 students who were first-time beginning students during the 2019–20 academic year. The BPS:20/22 field test included approximately 3,700 students who first began in the 2018–19 academic year. These students will be asked to complete a survey and administrative data will also be collected for them. Administrative data matching will be conducted with sources including the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS), containing federal loan and grant files; the Central Processing System (CPS), which houses and processes data contained in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms; the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) which provides enrollment and degree verification; vendors of national undergraduate, graduate, and professional student admission tests; and possible other administrative data sources such as the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). These data will be obtained through file matching/downloading. In addition, this request includes conducting panel maintenance activities for the BPS:20/25 field test sample. BPS:20/25 is anticipated but has not yet been authorized. This submission covers BPS:20/22 full-scale materials and procedures required for conducting the student survey and for matching data to administrative records. Along with this full-scale package NCES will provide the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) with a memorandum summarizing changes from the field test for the full-scale data collection. The materials for the BPS:20/22 full-scale study are based upon the field test materials. This submission is designed to adequately justify the need for and overall practical utility of the full study, presenting the overarching plan for all of the phases of the data collection and providing as much detail about the measures to be used as is available at

the time of this submission. As part of the completed field test, NCES published a notice in the **Federal Register** allowing first a 60- and then a 30-day public comment period. Field test materials, procedures, and results have informed this request for clearance for the full-scale study. For this full-scale study NCES will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** allowing an additional 30-day public comment period on the final details of the BPS:20/22 full-scale study.

Dated: December 9, 2021.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** December 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Open to the public via audio Webcast only. Join FERC online to listen live at <http://ferc.capitolconnection.org/>.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Agenda.

\* NOTE—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400.

For a recorded message listing items struck from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all documents relevant to the items on the agenda. All public documents, however, may be viewed on line at the Commission's website at <https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search> using the eLibrary link.

**1085TH MEETING—OPEN MEETING**

[December 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m.]

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